

Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere.

BY "CLUG"

RACING LOOKS UP

The Ponies Are Again on the Road to Oldtime Glory.

Year Just Closing a Great One for Thoroughbreds.

New York, Dec. 31.—Thoroughbred racing passed another milestone on the high road to its oldtime glory and glamour in the year now edging out. One more track, that of the Metropolitan Jockey club at Jamaica, opened its long closed gates and added a fortnight more of sport to the season.

The crowds returned, too. There was a marked increase in the attendance at the Aqueduct and Jamaica meetings, but Belmont park, always popular with the racegoers, surpassed them all. On Memorial day more than 20,000 persons passed through the gates of the Westchester Racing association's course. This is a high water mark since the day that Colin won the Belmont Stakes, back in 1908. At Saratoga.

The month long meeting at Saratoga Springs was successful beyond the hopes of the most sanguine, surpassing even those golden days at the upstate track that the oldtimers love to talk about.

The amateur meetings at Piping Rock, Belmont Park Terminal and on the states of H. P. Whitney and J. E. Widener added the more colorful and intimate touch to racing at the bigger tracks.

Three associations in Maryland started at the end of last month that spring and fall meetings were the both in sport and in point of attendance in many seasons.

P. Whitney, who, because of the death of his brother-in-law, Alfred Vyne Vanderbilt, leased his racing stable to L. S. Thompson, headed the list of winning owners, with more than \$100,000. Of this, \$68,671 was won on the Jockey club tracks. Thompson, the Futurity winner, earned \$17,285 of this and Dominant \$18,945. Tomorrow and Regret contributed as their share \$23,150 by their victories in Kentucky, while the string campaigned in Canada made up the difference.

Few Star Performers.

Fewer horses stood out markedly from among the fellows and no world's records were broken. Little Rosamer, idol of the present day racegoers, retained his niche in the most popular, if not the best, thoroughbred in the Eastern tracks. His race in the Queens County Handicap, in which he beat Stromboli and Harmonicon by the breadth of a man's hand in one of the most stirring finishes in the annals of the turf, stamped him as one of the great.

The gallant son of Knight Errant—Rose Tree II won seven races, among them the Saratoga Handicap and Saratoga cup and the Havre de Grace Handicap. More defeats were his portion than in his three-year-old year, but in every instance he was carrying a heavy load and giving away weight in his junkies. Several races, moreover, were run on a heavy track, for which he was little liking.

H. P. Whitney's Regret also earned her right to a place among the best by virtue of her victory in the Kentucky Derby. The unbeaten daughter of Pomsnick—Jersey Lightning was the first of her sex to win the classic on Churchill Downs. Her other start was at Saratoga Springs in the Saratoga Handicap, in which she beat the best three-year-olds of the East with ridiculous ease.

ANGELS OFFERED CHANCE.

Former Manager of Cubs May Lead Los Angeles Club.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—Frank Chance, former manager of the Chicago Nationals and the New York American league club, has been offered the management of the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league by Frank Powers, president of the local organization.

Chance promised to announce next week whether he would accept the offer. Chance said he would insist on one condition—that he be allowed to purchase an interest in the club if he accepted. Since his announcement a year ago that he had retired from baseball Chance has been devoting his time to his ranch at Glendora, Cal., near here.

HEINE GROH TO CUBS?

Joe Tinker Wants to Trade for Reds' Second Baseman.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Heine Groh, second baseman for the Cincinnati Nationals, is wanted by Manager Tinker of the Chicago National League club. Tinker said that he would go to Cincinnati next week prepared to negotiate for Groh.

The combined Chicago Federal and National league clubs have fifty-four men under contract. Tinker plans to dispose of at least twenty-six of them before the start of the training season if possible.

A FEW "DON'T FORGETS" FOR THOSE WHO PLAY GOLF

Don't forget that if a player's ball strikes or is stopped by himself or his partner, or either of their caddies, or their clubs, his side shall lose the hole. Rule 19.

Don't forget that if a player plays the opponent's ball he shall lose the hole unless (a) the opponent then plays the player's ball, in which case the penalty is canceled and the hole shall be played out with the ball exchanged, or (b) if the opponent has played, it shall be rectified by dropping a ball as near as possible to the place where the opponent's ball lay. On the putting green the ball shall be replaced. Rule 20, Section 1.

MATTY LEADS IN CLEANING UP COIN; SHOWS REAL TALENT IN MANY LINES



Christy Mathewson enjoys the reputation of being the biggest money maker in baseball. He is said to be worth \$150,000. He has shown real talent in many other things besides baseball.

Sport Wheezes

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The report that Animal Dasher has a batting average of .401 at the new automatic baseball court seems to be without foundation.

A. T. Parr, a student from K. U. and an ex-Washburn basketball player, was among the players at the chess tournament that closed last night.

Kauff to the Browns and Magee to the Cub-Feds. There must have been method in the madness that made Sinclair sales agent for the defunct outlaws.

And, by the way, since Sinclair has become the hero of the dead outlaws, it is recalled that Oklahoma produced only one outlaw greater than Sinclair—his name was A. L. Jennings.

But after giving up outlawing sport Jennings went to preaching, instead of back to the circus, while Sinclair has gone back to the oil fields where he will probably retain his reputation for being a slick duck.

The annual indoor track meet of K. U. will be held in Kansas City March 10, and it is expected that some indoor track records will be developed at it. A number of students have been in training all fall for the event.

Members of the Topeka Rifle team in the national tournament will have to do some "tail" shooting to win the honors of the Class "E" league in which they have been placed. Other cities in the league are: Chicago, Ill.; Toledo, O.; Guthrie Center, Ia.; Manhattan, Kan.; Bedford, O.; Tulsa, Haute, Ind.; Helena, Mont.; and Huata, Ind.; Helena, Mont.; and Pierre, S. D.

One football game, a million resolutions and a few fights will be the principal sporting events of tomorrow.

During the year 1915 that will be ticked out tonight at 12 o'clock if the tickers tick accurately, a number of sport celebrities journeyed to the final great show. Foremost among them was A. G. Spalding. Others were Anthony Wilding, the great tennis player; Tim Hurst, ex-umpire of the American league; Paul Transen, Joe Cooper, Charley Cox and Harry Grant, all auto drivers.

At a meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., on January 12, rules for the 1916 National Rifle matches will be brought up to date. A number of important changes that will stimulate interest are contemplated.

The mayor of Havana, Cuba, announced that his city would like to hold the Olympic games in 1920. But the St. Louis Times announces that "as with the core of the little boy's apple, it now appears that there ain't a-goin' to be none."

The principal European countries have lost so many of their best athletes.

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IN KANSAS CORNFIELDS

New York Lad Trains for Prize Ring by Shucking Corn.

Salina, Kan., Dec. 31.—"Tinny" Ahern as he is known down Harlem way where he makes good money in preliminaries to sure-pop ten session affairs of the padded mitts, has been training for the ring in Kansas cornfields. James Augustus Ahern is the title his parents gave him but "Tinny" is the one he drew after he had knocked several pugilistic aspirants cold. He was in Salina this week, enroute to New York. Brown, well muscled and feeling as fit as though he had done a ten mile road grind every day he was enthusiastic about the cornfield training for the ring.

"It was just an experiment with me," he said. "The usual run of the gymnasiums and short trots over asphalt took the tuck out of me. I wasn't in any mental condition for fighting. When I entered a mill, the brain stuff was soggy and I fought like a doped negro. That wouldn't do for me, a future champion—not on your life. So I read about your corn crops and what training there was in snipping off the ears and throwing them into a wagon. It listened good to me and I came out. I was here a month and have learned much, ate plenty and kept in good condition. I'm going to recommend corn husking for the wellers and bantams back there."

"Tinny" was subjected to the usual raving of an eastern man who thinks jack rabbits have horns and buffalo bother those who are trying to raise lawns. A short right cross which he carries restored him to favor several times and showed the bullies that the slender lad had a punch like a mule kick.

AN AMATEUR IS DEFINED.
Sport Governing Bodies at Last Draw Line Marking Professionalism.

New York, Dec. 31.—The conference of delegates from sport governing bodies throughout the country which was adjourned from last Monday until Thursday, late Thursday night concluded its session with an understanding that similar conference will be held here about the same time next year. The conference adopted suggestions made by the delegates for the future conduct of amateur athletic sports.

The conference agreed on the definition of an amateur sportsman as one who engages in sport solely for the pleasure and the physical, mental and social benefits derived therefrom. Disbarment for life from amateur athletics was recommended by the conference as the penalty to be visited on anyone who competed in amateur sports under an assumed name or who was guilty of any fraud or unsportsmanlike conduct. For infraction of the rules, such as receiving pecuniary benefits as a reward for participating in any public athletic competition or exhibition or disposing of prizes for personal gain, the conference recommended that the offender shall never thereafter be permitted to compete or exhibit as an amateur in the sport in which the act was committed.

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SAVAGE CATCHER IS HARD ON AUTOMATIC PITCHERS

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31.—Vincent Weising, who recently signed with the Topeka Western league club, battled the Carlists to a victory over the American Express company in the Electric Automatic Baseball league by hitting twenty-seven in the last game and the final score of the series was 247 to 245. It was up to the catcher to bat out twenty-six for a win, but he went it one better. Weising and Earl Ocker tied for the high honors of the evening, with 125 each.

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DR. WOOD HAS A KICK

Says Physicians Are Not Reporting All Cases of Communicable Diseases.

Apparently physicians are not reporting all the cases of communicable diseases in Topeka. Since August, 284 cases of communicable diseases have been reported by Dr. H. B. Wood, city physician, and only 187 of these were reported to him by physicians. The remainder he found without assistance. The law requires that all such cases be reported by the physician in charge of the case.

Here is the batting average of the different diseases in Topeka since August:

Diphtheria, 61; scarlet fever, 34; measles, 51; chickenpox, 75; mumps, 4; typhoid fever, 28; tuberculosis, 23; opthalmia, 1; infantile paralysis, 1; pneumonia, 4; cancer, 1; malaria, 1.

MARRY AT HOME NOW

Rev. A. S. Henderson Says Topeka Brides Dodge Churches.

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